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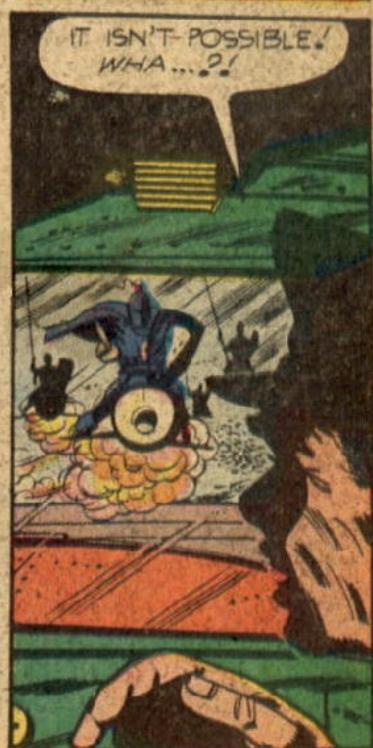
CAPTAIN FLASH

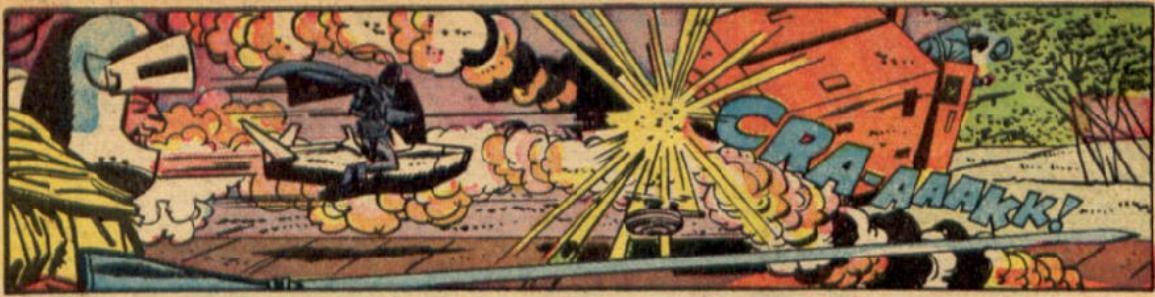
Out of the pages of the past, rode the BLACK KNIGHT bearing weapons created by modern science! Only Captain Flash dared challenge this alliance of yesterday and today to a duel which meant death for either him or one who called himself...

The Black Knight

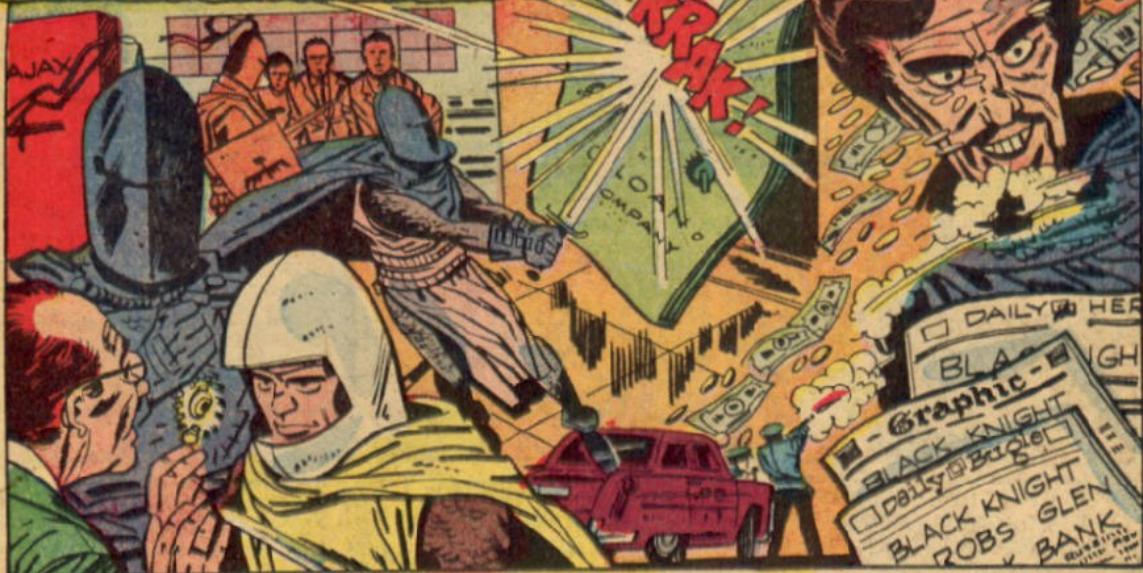


ON A COUNTRY ROAD NEAR ATOM CITY, AN ARMORED CAR IS DELIVERING THE WEEKLY PAYROLL TO A NEARBY FACTORY...





IN THE WEEKS THAT FOLLOW, THE POLICE ARE POWERLESS AGAINST THE BLACK KNIGHT AND HIS MEN...



MEANWHILE, IN HIS LABORATORY, PROFESSOR KEITH SPENCER IS DEMONSTRATING HIS NEW INVENTION TO HIS YOUNG FRIEND RICKY...



A FEW MINUTES LATER AT THE LOCAL F.B.I. OFFICE...

I HEARD YOUR APPEAL, SIR, AND I'M HERE TO DO ANYTHING I CAN!

THANK YOU, CAPTAIN FLASH... I ONLY HOPE AND PRAY YOU CAN!

YOU'VE HEARD OF THE BLACK KNIGHT... WELL, IT SEEMS HE'S GROWN TIRED OF JUST ROBBING BANKS, AND THE LIKE! THIS AFTERNOON, HE AND HIS MEN STOLE THE PLANS FOR A NEW GUIDED MISSILE THIS COUNTRY HAS JUST DEVELOPED!

SEVERAL FOREIGN POWERS WOULD PAY ANY PRICE TO GET HOLD OF THOSE PLANS! DO YOU THINK YOU CAN HELP US, CAPTAIN FLASH?

I THINK I MAY BE ABLE TO, SIR... BUT FIRST I WANT TO MAKE A PHONE CALL TO THE STATE MENTAL HOSPITAL!

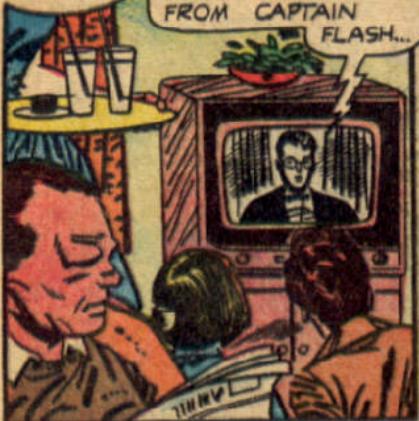


THAT EVENING...

WE INTERRUPT THIS
PROGRAM FOR A
SPECIAL MESSAGE
FROM CAPTAIN
FLASH...

TO THAT CRAVEN COWARD
WHO CALLS HIMSELF THE
BLACK KNIGHT... IF YOU
ARE LISTENING, I CHAL-
LENCE YOU TO A TRIAL
BY COMBAT...

I CAST DOWN MY
GAUNTLET... A
CHALLENGE NO
TRUE KNIGHT
CAN IGNORE!



VARLET! SWINE! CAPTAIN
FLASH, THIS NIGHT YE
HAVE SIGNED THINE OWN
DEATH WARRANT!

HEY, BOSS--
WHAT
ARE YOU
GOING
TO DO?

OUT OF MY WAY,
KNAVES! THE
BLACK
KNIGHT HAS
BEEN
CHALLENGED!

BOSS, YOU DON'T MEAN
YOU'VE FALLEN FOR THAT
CHALLENGE? IT'S
A TRAP!

SILENCE, FOOLS!
DO YE THINK AN
ORDINARY MAN
COULD TRICK THE
BLACK KNIGHT?



LESS THAN AN HOUR LATER, AT THE TELEVISION STUDIO
WHERE CAPTAIN FLASH AND RICKY ARE WAITING...

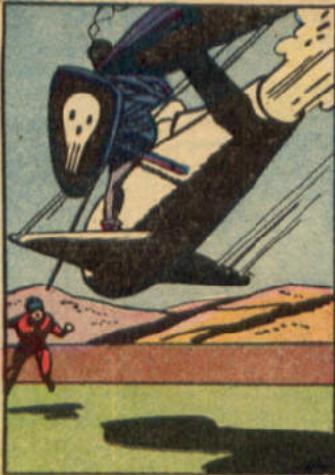


To Captain Flash-
Be it known that the
BLACK KNIGHT accepts
the challenge of a trial
by combat at dawn
tomorrow at Whitney
Dam.

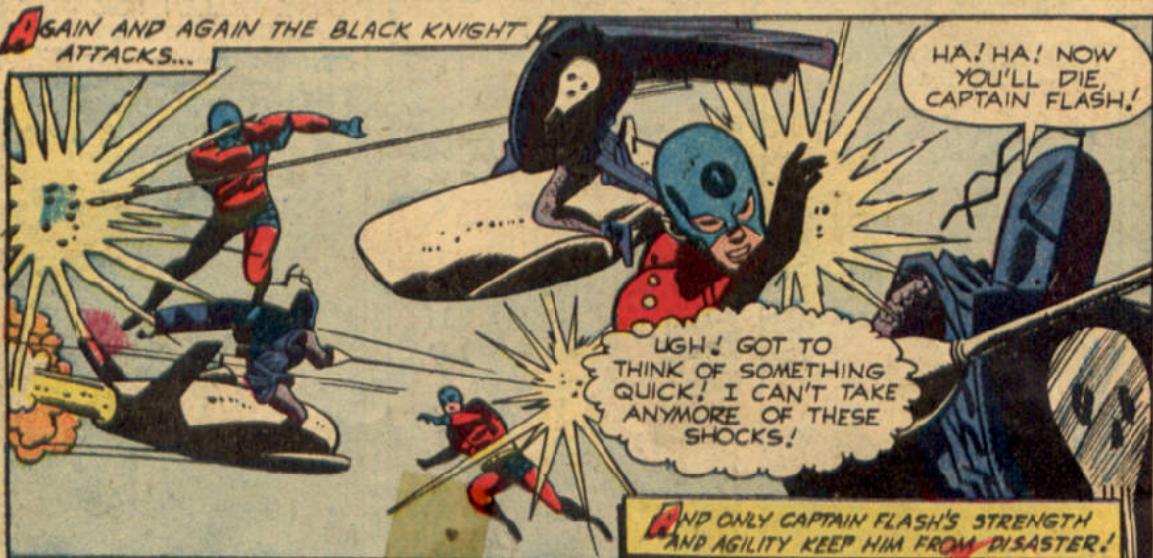
AT DAWN, THE NEXT MORNING, CAPTAIN FLASH AWAITS THE ARRIVAL OF THE BLACK KNIGHT...

THE BLACK KNIGHT THUNDERS TOWARD THE INVINCIBLE CAPTAIN FLASH...

MAYBE HE'S CHANGED HIS MIND... NO, THERE HE IS!



AGAIN AND AGAIN THE BLACK KNIGHT ATTACKS...



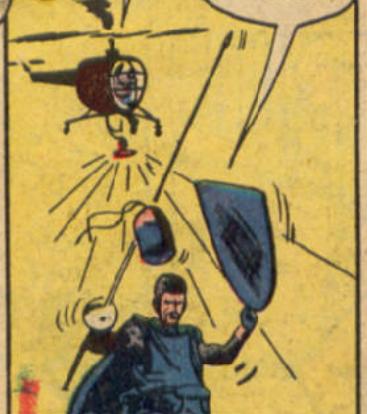
MEANWHILE... HE HASN'T A CHANCE AGAINST THE BLACK KNIGHT'S SUPERIOR WEAPONS. HIS ONLY HOPE IS THE NEW ELECTROMAGNET! I HOPE IT WORKS AT THIS DISTANCE!

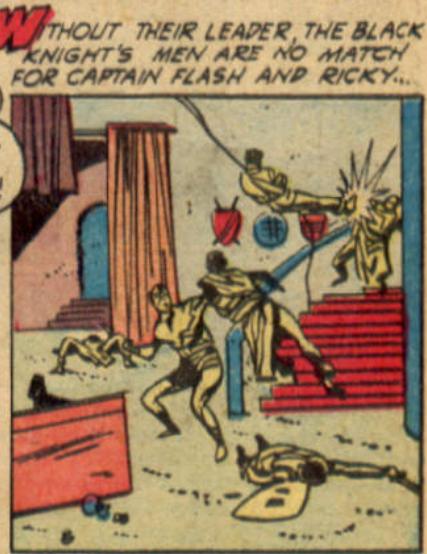


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the criminal mind of...

THE ACTOR!



A FEW MINUTES LATER...



NEXT MORNING, AT A THIRD RATE HOTEL IN WASHINGTON, D.C....



WHAT'VE YOU GOT PLANNED FOR US, BOSS? THE SAME OLD RACKETS?



SULLIVAN DISAPPEARS INTO ANOTHER ROOM, AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...



REALLY FOOLS YOU, DOESN'T IT? RELAX, I'M HARRY!



MY CELL-MATE WAS AN OLD CHEMIST... HE DEVELOPED A LIQUID... WHEN I PUT IT ON MY FACE, I CAN MY FEATURES TO LOOK LIKE ANYONE!



FROM NOW ON, WITH A LITTLE ASSISTANCE FROM THE ACTOR, BANK PRESIDENTS WILL BE ROBBING THEIR OWN BANKS!





MEANWHILE, KEITH SPENCER AND RICKY IN WASHINGTON, D.C. FOR A SCIENTIFIC CONFERENCE, DECIDE TO DO A LITTLE SIGHT-SEEING...

WE'VE GOT A LOT OF GROUND TO COVER TODAY!

GEE, YES! I WANT TO SEE EVERYTHING!

STOP! THAT MAN! HE ROBBED MY STORE!

COME ON, RICKY... AFTER HIM!

BUT FIRST...

READY, RICKY?

RIGHT!

ROB -

NO



A CLAP OF THE HANDS SETS OFF A MINIATURE ATOMIC EXPLOSION INSIDE OF KEITH SPENCER CHANGING HIM INTO THE MIGHTY CAPTAIN FLASH!

A MINUTE LATER, BACK ON THE STREET...



BUT WHERE COULD HE HAVE GONE? THE STREET'S COMPLETELY DESERTED EXCEPT FOR THAT ONE MAN!

AND HE DOESN'T EVEN LOOK LIKE THE OTHER ONE!

THE FOOLS DON'T RECOGNIZE ME!



RETURNING TO THE STORE, CAPTAIN FLASH AND RICKY HEAR THE OWNER'S STORY...

MY EMPLOYEES SAY HE WAS MY DOUBLE... BUT THE MAN WHO HIT ME LOOKED NOTHING LIKE ME!



WHAT DO YOU MAKE OF IT, CAPTAIN FLASH?

AS INCREDIBLE AS IT SOUNDS, RICKY, I THINK IT'S THE SAME PERSON AT THE BOTTOM OF ALL THESE ROBBERIES... SOMEONE WHO IS A GENIUS AT DISGUIISING HIMSELF!



WHAT NIGHT IN THEIR HOTEL ROOM...

THE NEXT MORNING...

AMBASSADOR OSAKI TODAY ASKED THE U.S. TO LEND HIS COUNTRY THREE OUNCES OF RADIUM FOR THE TREATMENT OF CANCER PATIENTS...



IN HIS HIDEOUT, THE ACTOR ALSO READS THE NEWS...

THAT MUCH RADIUM WOULD BRING A FORTUNE IN THE RIGHT PLACES! BOYS -- WE'RE GOING TO BRANCH OUT A LITTLE!



THE ACTOR TAKES KEITH SPENCER'S OFFICIAL IDENTIFICATION, AND A FEW MINUTES LATER...



Weakly, he manages to bring his hands together...



I'VE GOT TO GET TO THAT PRESENTATION BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE...

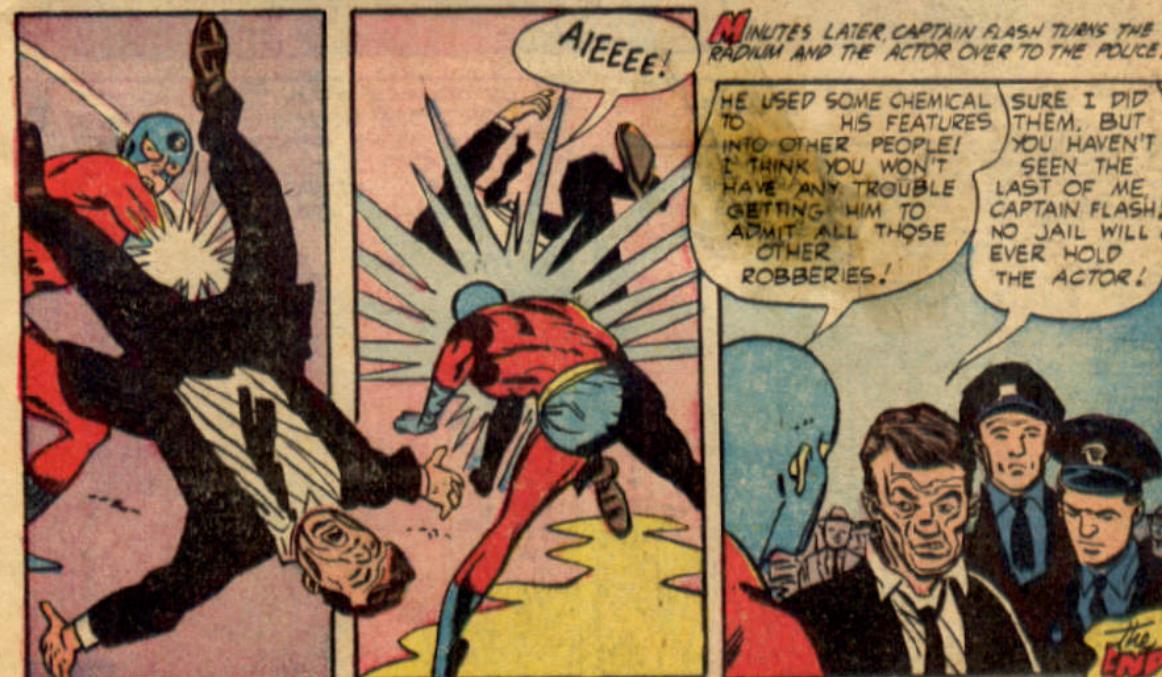
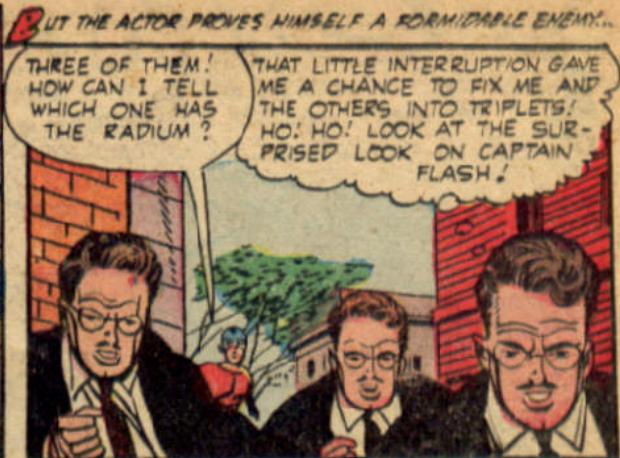


AT THE PRESENTATION, SULLIVAN, DISGUISED AS KEITH SPENCER, PICKS UP THE CAPSULE CONTAINING THE VALUABLE RADIUM!

THE AMBASSADOR HAS ALREADY ARRIVED, MR. SPENCER!

IT'S CAPTAIN FLASH! THAT PROFESSOR MUST HAVE GIVEN THE ALARM! I BETTER GET OUT OF HERE FAST!

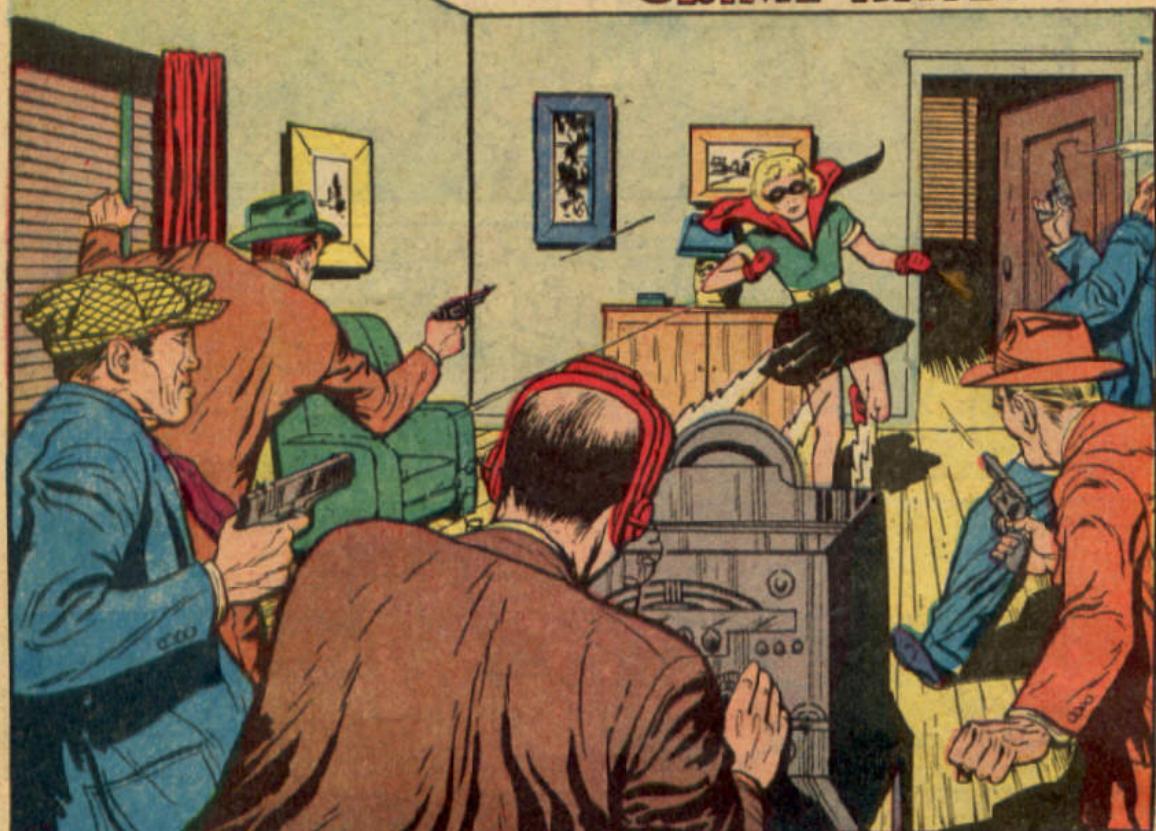




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CRIME WAVE!



ONE AFTERNOON IN ONE OF THE TOWN'S BETTER JEWELRY STORES...





AND SO, SOUND WAVE STRUCK AGAIN AND AGAIN WITH NEW TECHNIQUES AND IN UNEXPECTED PLACES...

THIS IS SOUND WAVE! WE'VE GOT ENOUGH TNT PLANTED UNDER YOUR ARMORED TRUCK TO BLOW YOU TO KINGDOM COME! COME OUT WITH YOUR HANDS HIGH!



(GASP!) IT'S SOUND WAVE! GET DOWN--HE AIN'T KIDDIN'!



SORRY TO INTERRUPT THE PARTY, FOLKS, BUT YOU'LL GET MORE THAN INDIGESTION OUT OF THIS MEAL IF YOU DON'T FOLLOW ORDERS! MY MEN ARE OUTSIDE EVERY EXIT! THEY HAVE ORDERS TO SHOOT TO KILL!



THE ADVENTURES OF LT. JACKSON OF THE POLICE FORCE...



THEN I THINK IT'S ABOUT TIME TOMBOY LOOKED INTO THE CASE!

TOMBOY? WHAT DO YOU KNOW ABOUT TOMBOY, JANIE?

NOTHING... I'LL SAY SHE HAS! THERE'S A GIRL WITH BRAINS, MUSCLE AND HEART! SHE'S GOT THE WHOLE UNDERWORLD SCARED OF HER! RIGHT, DAD?

RIGHT! ANSWER THE DOORBELL, CHARLES. IT MUST BE YOUR FRIEND, JIMMY SANDERS!



SHORTLY AFTER, AS JANIE PASSES HER BROTHER'S ROOM...



IT LOOKS THAT WAY! HE HEARS NOISES THAT AREN'T THERE! VOICES, SOUNDS OF FOOTSTEPS, THUNDER AND LIGHTNING... MY UNCLE SAYS IT'S ALL HIS IMAGINATION!

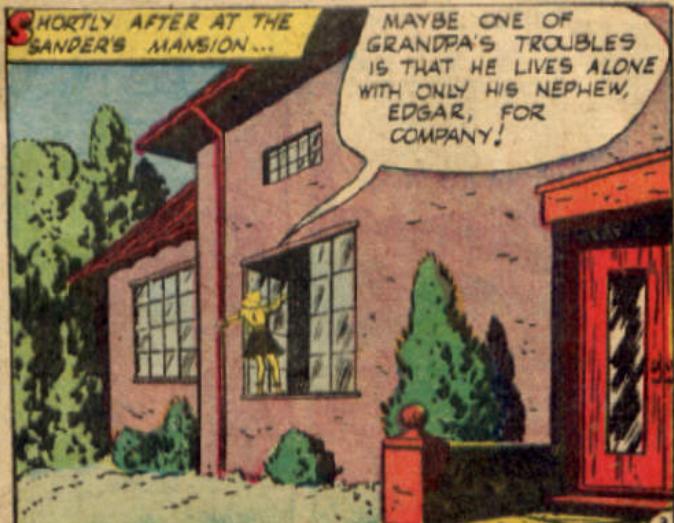
MY UNCLE SAYS GRANDPA IS GOING BATTY... BUT EVERYBODY IN THE FAMILY IS WORRIED. GRANDPA HAS A WEAK HEART AND IF HE HEARS ANY MORE VOICES...

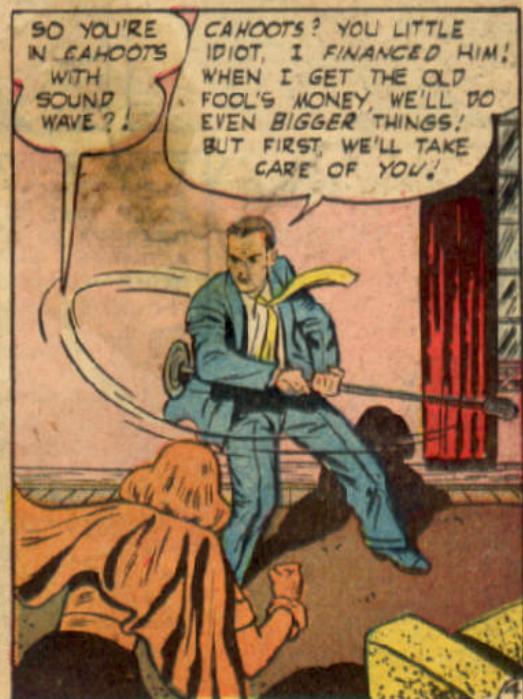


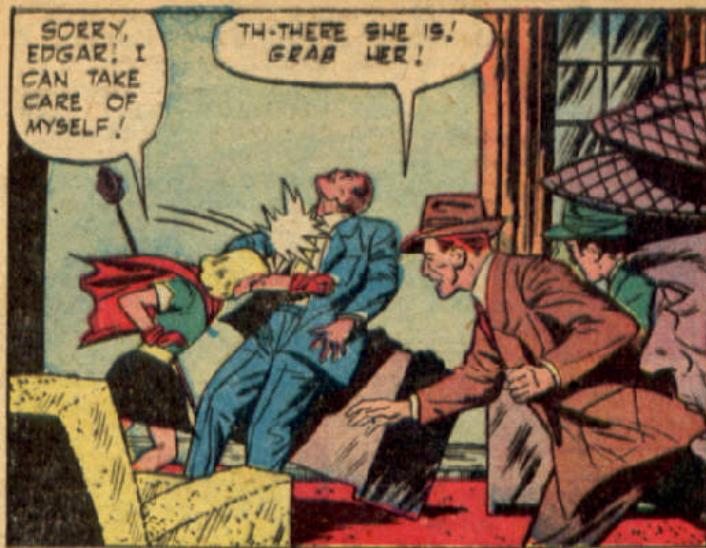
IN JANIE'S ROOM, A QUICK SECRET TRANSFORMATION TAKES PLACE...



WITH ALL THIS TALK OF SOUND WAVE, I'M GETTING SOUND HAPPY! AT ANY RATE, IT WON'T HURT IF TOMBOY TUNES INTO GRANDPA SANDER'S TROUBLES!

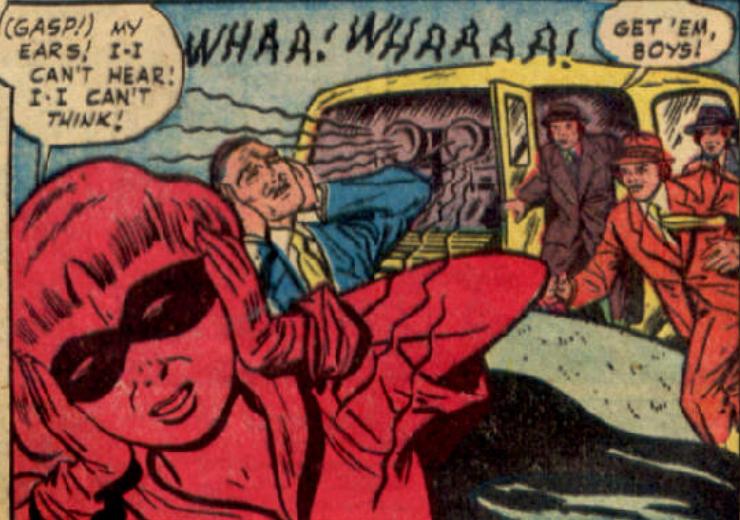






MINUTES LATER, ON THE TERRACE OUTSIDE...

SUDDENLY, THE SIDE OF A PARKED REPAIR TRUCK GOES DOWN, A BLAST OF SOUND HITS THE REELING FIGURES ON THE LAWN.



"EVENTUALLY" IS A LONG TIME, TOMBOY! ENOUGH TIME TO LET US CLEAN UP A PILE AND SCARE OLD MAN SANDERS TO DEATH SO HE CAN LEAVE HIS FORTUNE TO EDGAR! IT'S THE LEAST I CAN DO FOR EDGAR AFTER HE BACKED ME!"

BY THE WAY, WE'RE ABOUT TO FULL OUR BIGGEST JOB! THE KIMBLE LAWN PARTY! ENJOY THE MUSIC WHILE WE'RE KNOCKING 'EM DEAD WITH OUR SOUND WAVES!

S! SUDENLY, TOMBOY NOTICES SOUND WAVE'S DOG UNDER THE TABLE... WRITHING...

HE HEARS SOMETHING SO HIGH-PITCHED ONLY A DOG CAN HEAR IT! (GASP!) WAIT! SOUND WAVES OF A CERTAIN PITCH AND INTENSITY CAN BREAK GLASS! THAT GLASS BOWL...TEN TO ONE IT'S FULL OF POISON GAS! IT'S SOUND WAVE'S PECULIAR WAY OF GETTING RID OF ME!

WELL, THERE'S ANOTHER PECULIAR THING ABOUT SWIVEL CHAIRS! THEY SWIVEL!

THIS TAKES CARE OF THE RECORD! SOME OF SOUND WAVE'S EQUIPMENT IS SHARP ENOUGH TO CUT ROPE! O.K., TOMBOY, YOUR WORK'S CUT OUT FOR YOU!

A HALF HOUR LATER, AT THE KIMBLE LAWN PARTY...

WWWWWRRR!
THERE'S ANOTHER SOUND YOU'LL SOON HEAR, PAL! A POLICE SIREN! AND THERE IT IS!

THE NEXT MORNING...

"...AND TOMBOY SENT FOR THE POLICE OVER SOUND WAVE'S OWN RADIO EQUIPMENT BEFORE SHE ATTACKED HIS THUGS!" GOLLY, JANIE--I'D SURE LIKE TO MEET THAT GIRL SOMEDAY!

MAYBE YOU WILL, CHARLES!
MAYBE YOU WILL!

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SOUND WAVE GANG
AT LAWN PARTY

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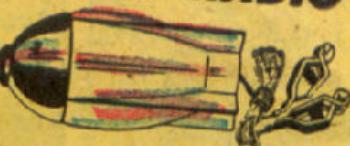
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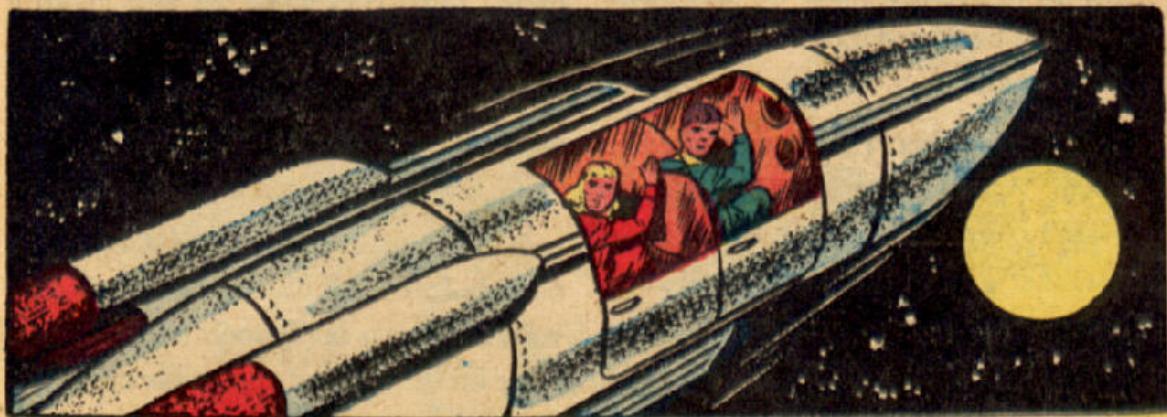
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ATRIP THROUGH SPACE



THE record holders in space travel are not men. They are mice. In 1953 the United States Air Force gave ten mice a ride in an Aerobee rocket. Although the rocket reached a speed of 2000 miles an hour and a height of 40 miles, the mice landed safely.

Monkeys which were shot up in V-2 rockets went up higher to an altitude of 80 miles but they died in landing. Photographs were taken by automatic cameras placed inside the rocket and show that the monkeys were not harmed by the actual flight. The nose section of the rocket in which they rode was supposed to be lowered by parachutes. These failed to open, and the animals were killed instantly when they crashed to the ground.

This is not the first time that animals have been used in testing a flying machine. About 150 years ago, the Montgolfier brothers built a lighter-than-air balloon. The first passengers to go up in it were a rooster, a duck and a sheep.

After the inventors saw that these animals lived through a balloon flight, they went up too. Soon many other people were flying in balloons.

Although comic books, radio and television programs are full of space-ship stories in which the heroes make regular take-offs to distant planets, scientists say we have many problems to solve before any human being can actually leave the earth—and come back.

Present day rockets are really just guided missiles but they show how space ships can be powered. The force that drives a rocket is known as a kick-back. Whenever an object is pushed in one direction, it pushes back with equal force. Push against a wall and the wall pushes back against you. You won't feel the kick-back because the friction of your body against the air and the floor overcomes this force. But put on a pair of skates and then push against a wall. The wheels cut down friction and away you go—away from the wall.

Blow up a balloon and then let it go without tying up the neck. Air escaping from the neck pushes one way. The balloon kicks back and moves in the opposite direction.

In a real rocket, fuel is exploded in the tail. As the expanding gases force their way out of the nozzle, the body of the rocket gives a powerful kick-back. This creates a forward thrust.

Anything that goes up from the earth must work against the pull of gravity. A rocket will fall back to the earth unless it is going so fast that it can overcome the gravity of our planet. This force is so strong that a rocket, or any other object, taking off from sea level, must pick up a speed of 25,000 miles an hour to break away from the grip of the earth's gravity.

A rocket starting from a point several hundred miles above the earth needs less speed to shoot away into space. As objects get farther away from earth, gravity has less influence on them.

This is why scientists believe that a three-stage rocket might be the means for making a take-off from our planet. In this arrangement a carrier rocket has a second rocket riding on it. A third rocket rides on the second one. The carrier will be blasted from earth, and then at a certain distance the second rocket will be shot from it. The second rocket will move faster than the first because its speed will be stepped up by that of its carrier. Besides it will have less of

the earth's gravity to contend with.

The final step will be the shooting off of the third rocket, which will go still faster. The first two rockets will drop back to earth, but the third one will keep on—perhaps to the moon!

Once a rocket is set in motion, it continues to move until stopped by some outside force. All objects behave in this way. Motion is really their natural state. Here on the ground and as far up as the atmosphere goes, friction of the air acts as a brake on anything that moves. But beyond the earth's atmosphere a rocket can coast along endlessly. It will keep on moving without fuel—just like a planet or a moon—until it is attracted to a nearby heavenly body.

Rocket experts claim they have the technical knowledge needed to build a three-stage rocket that can be shot into outer space. But before a rocket can be landed on the moon, scientists must learn how to control flight so that rockets can be sent exactly where we want them to go. There is also the question of landing gear. Slowing up speed is just as difficult as attaining it.

Hundreds of experiments are needed before these problems can be solved. In testing the safety of rocket equipment, animals will be used. Monkeys, not men, may be the first creatures to zoom through space. But by the time you boys and girls grow up, you too, can take your turn for a trip through space!

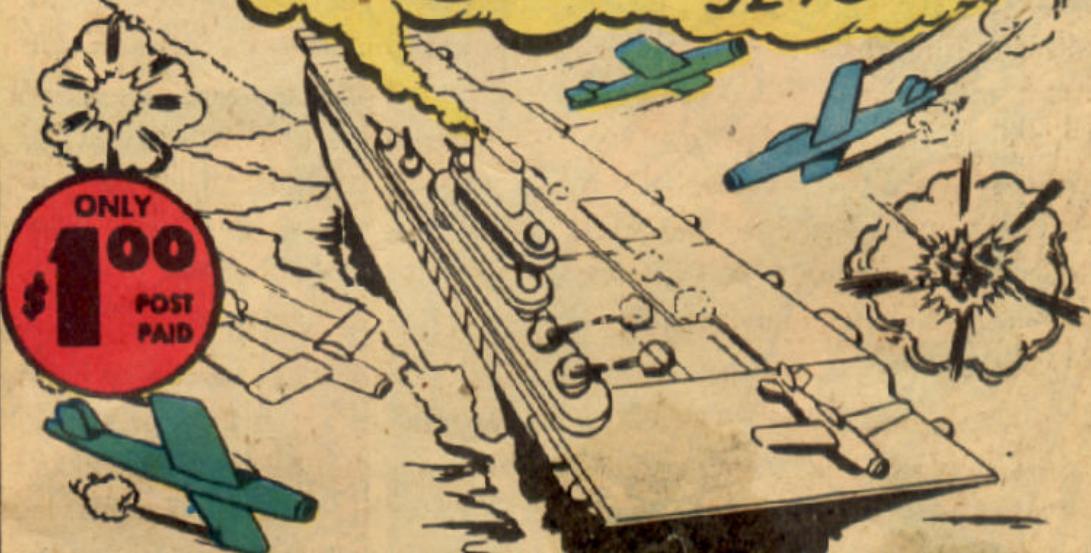
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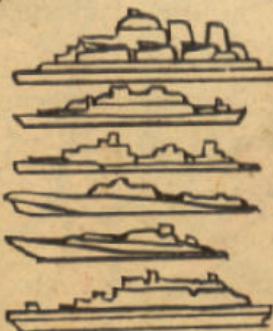
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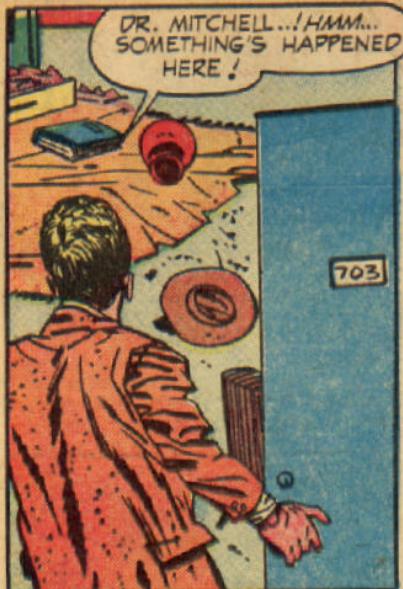
I'M CERTAIN DR. MITCHELL WILL BE WITH US ANY MINUTE NOW. UNDOUBTEDLY, THERE'S A GOOD REASON FOR HIS DELAY!



IT ISN'T LIKE DR. MITCHELL TO BE LATE! I THINK I'D BETTER INVESTIGATE!



A FEW MINUTES LATER, IN DR. MITCHELL'S HOTEL ROOM...



HE MUST HAVE PUT UP QUITE A STRUGGLE AGAINST HIS ASSAILANT-- WHOEVER IT WAS!



AFTER KEITH SPENCER REPORTS HIS FINDINGS TO THE SECURITY OFFICERS...

IT IS OUR BELIEF THAT DR. MITCHELL HAS BEEN KIDNAPPED-- PERHAPS BY FOREIGN AGENTS UNFRIENDLY TO THIS CONFERENCE! IT WILL BE NECESSARY TO PROTECT ALL MEMBERS WITH A 24 HOUR GUARD!



HOW CAN WE ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING IN SUCH AN ATMOSPHERE?

WHO KNOWS WHICH OF US WILL BE NEXT?



THE NEXT MORNING...

...SO UNLESS WE HEAR SOME NEWS OF DR. MITCHELL SOON, I'M AFRAID THE CONFERENCE IS DOOMED TO FAILURE!

GEE! THAT'S TOUGH, KEITH! HEY! WHAT'S THAT? LISTEN!



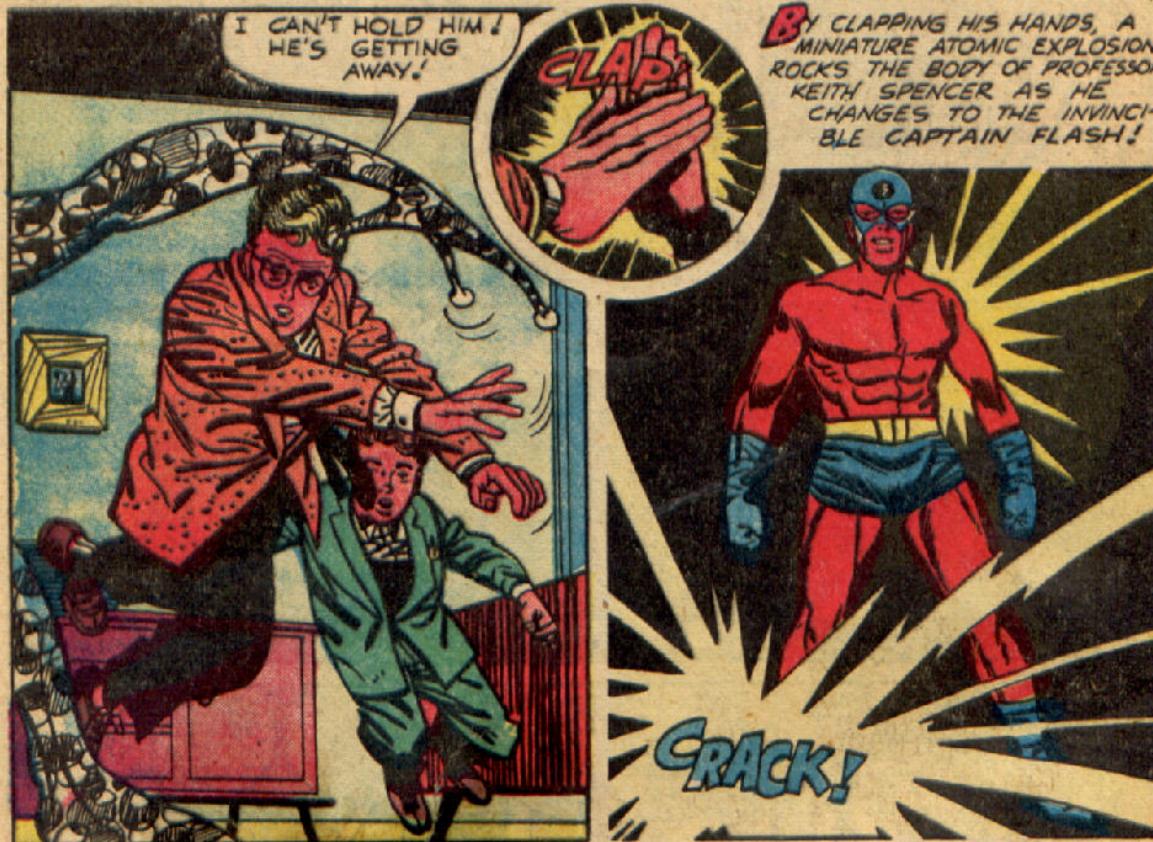
THE SCREAMS CAME FROM HERE!

WATCH OUT! I'M GOING TO BREAK DOWN THE DOOR!

LOOK, KEITH... IT'S THE MIRROR MAN!

I SHOULD HAVE SUSPECTED HIM FROM THE BEGINNING!





A FEW MINUTES LATER, CAPTAIN FLASH AND RICKY ARE TELLING THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF SECURITY THE INCREDIBLE STORY OF MIRROR MAN!

HE'S OUT TO DESTROY EARTH'S BEST BRAINS, BUT AS LONG AS HE HAS A MIRROR TO FLOW BACK INTO, I CAN'T DEFEAT HIM!

THIS MIRROR MAN SOUNDS LIKE A MORE FORMIDABLE OPPONENT THAN ANY ENEMY AGENT!

HE IS! SIR, IT'S ESSENTIAL THAT ALL MIRRORS BE REMOVED IN THE HOTEL ROOMS OF CONFERENCE MEMBERS! THEN, I HAVE A PLAN THAT I THINK MAY WORK AGAINST THE MIRROR MAN!

THAT EVENING, A NOTICE APPEARS ON THE HOTEL BULLETIN BOARD...

NOTICE

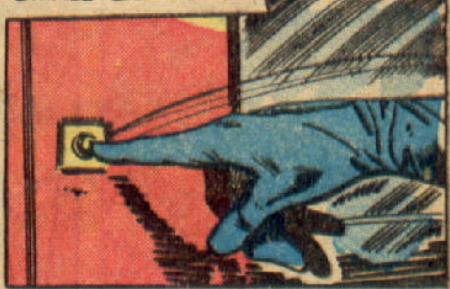
Tomorrow's meeting of the Atomic conference will take place in **The MIRROR ROOM** in the east wing.

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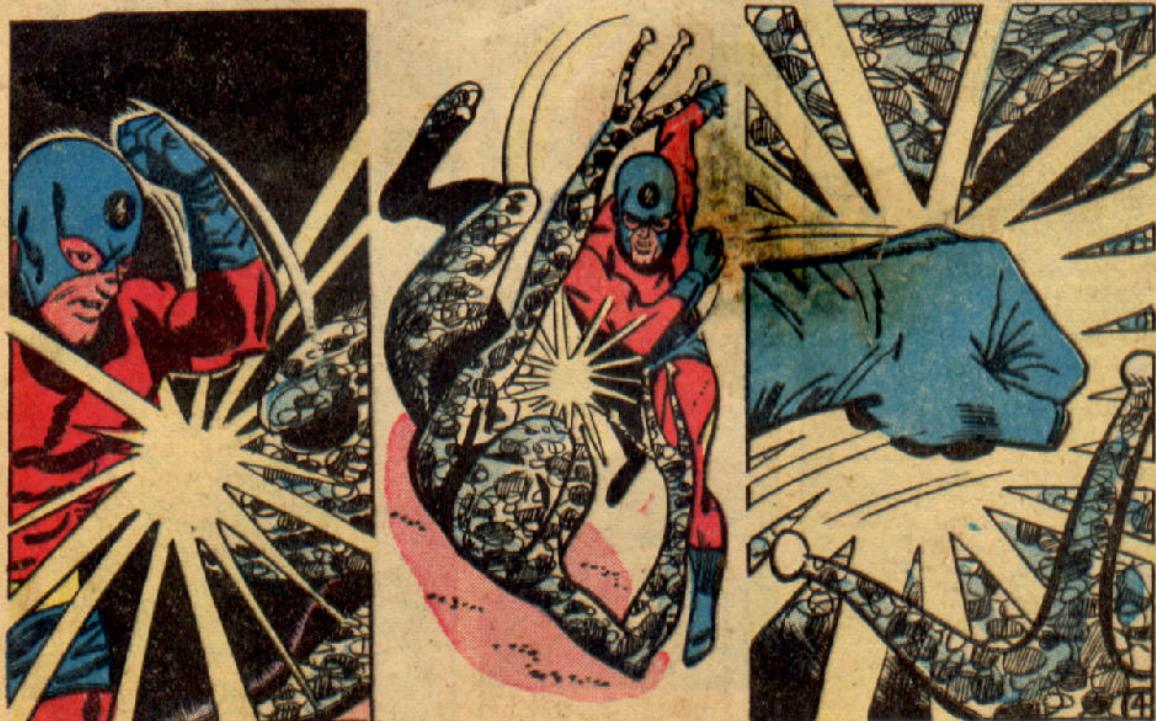
THE NEXT MORNING AS NERVOUS CONFERENCE MEMBERS ASSEMBLE FOR THEIR MORNING MEETING...



UNNOTICED BY MIRROR MAN, CAPTAIN FLASH PUSHES A SMALL BUTTON...



AND IN A SECOND'S TIME, THE MIRRORS SPIN AROUND AND DISAPPEAR!



THIS IS CLEARLY YOUR ROUND, CAPTAIN FLASH! BUT NOT YOUR VICTORY! WELL MEET AGAIN!

IT'S ALL OVER FOR YOU, MIRROR MAN. THIS TIME THERE'S NO MIRROR FOR YOU TO DIS-APPEAR INTO!

BUT YOU'RE WRONG, CAPTAIN FLASH! SEE?

HERE'S A MIRROR YOU FORGOT!

BEFORE CAPTAIN FLASH CAN STOP HIM, THE MIRROR MAN HAS RETREATED INTO THE SMALL MIRROR!

IT'S USELESS! I CAN NEVER HOLD HIM ONCE HE GAINS ACCESS TO A MIRROR!



WE'LL MEET AGAIN, CAPTAIN FLASH! AND WHEN WE DO, I SWEAR YOU'LL PAY DEARLY FOR YOUR INTERFERENCE!

ALTHOUGH THE PRESS DOES NOT CARRY THE STORY OF CAPTAIN FLASH'S BATTLE WITH THE MIRROR MAN, IT DOES HEADLINE ANOTHER STORY...

WELL, AT LEAST YOU SAVED THE CONFERENCE, KEITH!

YES, BUT THE MIRROR MAN ESCAPED! I'LL NEVER REST UNTIL HE'S COMPLETELY DESTROYED!



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